

33 percent of what they are getting, we are going to have the same effect. It is going to be probably even more dramatic. We are going to see them fold probably this year at the end of this year, and the worst part about it is that we are looking at this cut so late in the budget process, so late in the year. I don't know, I am new to the process, but I think that this has to be unprecedented.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: We are in essence crippling those programs. We are saying that we do not feel that athletics at any level other than the University of Nebraska are appropriate. All we are doing is closing the door for anyone who isn't able to compete at the NCAA Division I level. I think that is very unjust. I think you think that and I urge you to support Senator Chambers' amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, then Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman, do you want to go...oh, no, he is here I see.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I am going to vote against the amendment and I think maybe the amendment gives all of us an opportunity to examine the direction higher education is going. Higher education has been one of the concerns of the Governor, and very quietly all the rest of us, and maybe it is time to voice a few points about it that we don't usually say in public but we talk about a lot in private. One of those points is that Senator Wesely ought to be quiet.

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Gavel.) Gentlemen, ladies are not involved, so, gentlemen, hold it down, please. Excuse me, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: One of those points that ought to be raised is whether Nebraska by the takeover of Omaha University has deliberately created something it cannot economically support in the manner and mode it is growing. What I am talking about is two, so to speak, super Universities in a state of one and a half million with two very extensive athletic programs and is it not possible that we should be considering very clearly defining the role of the Omaha portion of the University and the Lincoln portion of the University so that we have one really quality institution